

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1257

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 65

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.R. No. 65  
entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES IN THE  
STATE THAT OFFER A CHILDREN'S MENU OF MEAL OPTIONS, OR A MEAL  
THAT IS REPRESENTED AS A CHILDREN'S MEAL, TO SERVE CHILDREN'S  
MEALS WITH HIGHER NUTRITIONAL QUALITY AND INCLUDE ONLY  
BOTTLED WATER OR LOW-FAT MILK AS THE DEFAULT BEVERAGE IN THE  
MEAL OR MENU OPTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage food  
service facilities in the State that offer a children's menu of  
meal options, or a meal that is represented as a children's meal,  
to serve children's meals with higher nutritional quality and  
include only bottled water or low-fat milk as the default beverage  
in the meal or menu option.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Hawaii Primary Care Association,  
Hawaii Public Health Institute, American Heart Association, and  
one individual.

Your Committee finds that in 2013 and 2014, the Childhood  
Obesity Journal and the National Restaurant Association indicated  
that more people are likely to select the default option included  
in a meal price or menu option rather than request an alternative,  
and seventy-two percent of customers said that they would be more  
likely to visit a restaurant that offers healthful default  
options. Furthermore, evidence suggests that children and

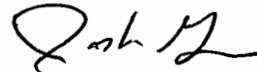
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adolescents who reduce their sugary beverage intake experience significant decreases in weight gain and fat deposits, which reduces the risk of developing diabetes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 65 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



**Record of Votes  
Committee on Health  
HTH**

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes